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New Evidence of Life

Suddenly, the world is startled by evidence for life on Mars. Although the agenda from on high appears to begin breaking the news with minute organic particles perhaps to cushion the blow, in preparing the general public for more startling news.

Although, the new movie "Independence Day" is purely fictional, the concept is possible that the human race is unprepared to recognize the fact that we are not alone. And if the number of planets in the universe is estimated to be suitable for life, as predicted, the odds are that life from other worlds would find us first.

Evolutionists too, will have to consider if the "building blocks" on Mars have reached stagnation or have they evolved in keeping

with their hypothesis? If so, how many million years are they ahead of us?

The conditions of turmoil and confusion within society and still deteriorating as in wars, crime, economic, environment, morals, mans inhumanity to man and stupid behaviour has led some to think the intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon is trying to determine whether there is intelligent life on earth.

It is encouraging however, that there is sufficient motivation to increase probes to Mars and other planets in search for the answers or will the powers that be inform us of any findings or will information remain behind the paper curtain of censorship.

Satellites on secret mission

LONDON — Four US spy satellites "missing" since 1990 might have been moved into secret orbits so they could carry on covert duties without being tracked, *New Scientist* magazine reported yesterday.

The mysterious disappearances were noticed by a small band of enthusiasts whose hobby was tracking satellites by monitoring their positions in the night sky and then using a computer to reconstruct their orbits.

Ted Molczan, a satellite spotter in Toronto, monitored three of the satellites from their launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California in 1990 and noticed they all disappeared after several weeks in their initial orbits.

"It left the orbit," he said. "It was there for a while and then it disappeared."

So far, no one had been able to track the satellites and their whereabouts is unknown outside US intelligence. —REUTER

ON THE UFO TRAIL

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Stanton Friedman, the worlds foremost lecturer on the subject of unidentified flying objects approached us during the MUFON Symposium in Seattle, Washington last year requesting to do a lecture in Melbourne. At that time I pointed out that the cost would be more than we could afford, but thanks to **Ollie Martin** of **Martin & Rosenthal Pictures**, the problem was solved. A review of Stanton's performance is covered in this edition.

The highlight of Ufology in Australia, this year was the **Australian International UFO Symposium 1996**, held at the Mercure Hotel. Brisbane 11th, 12th & 13th October. The audience was welcomed by **Rev. Glennys Mackay**, Director of MUFON QLD, and opened by **Walter Andrus**, International Director MUFON USA.

Overseas visitors were delighted with Aboriginal Dance Creation by Numuckel Congele Bura Merils Dance Troupe by Host Anthony Frangi.

Walter Andrus spoke on the **Linda Cortile** case which he regards as the case of the century, based on **Budd Hopkins** latest book titled "The True Story-Of The Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions", published by Pocketbooks, a subsidiary of Simon and Schuster which was released in the USA on August, 1996.

Keith Basterfield (Australia) followed with a paper titled, "The side effects of a UFO abduction experience".

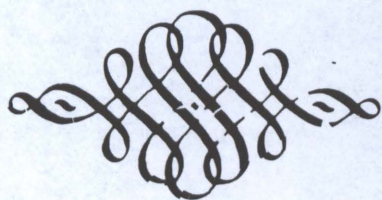
Pat Bailey, PhD (USA) then discussed the "True Reasons and Objectives Behind UFOs". Dr. Bailey is an expert on such subjects as "Cold Fusion", "Atomic Transformation", "Space Energy", "Free Energy Devices" and "Anti Gravity Effects". His research is being funded by the government of Japan.

After the Friday lunch break, **Peter Davenport** (USA) covered some interesting cases and sightings across the USA similar to sightings here in Australia.

Alex Newland (New Zealand) told about his experiences and advised, "If you want to lead a normal life, do not get involved with aliens". He said, "Having interactions with aliens will not win friends and influence people. You will be hounded by covert agencies and have your life tipped upside down by them".

My contribution was the **Frederick Valentich** Disappearance was scheduled for 7 p.m. after the dinner break but **Adomar Gevaerd**, (Brazil) had not arrived. So to fill the gap I took his place at 4.15 p.m. When about half way through **Ademar** arrived. However, many people who approached me later are still keen to hear more about the Greatest Mystery in Australian UFO History. The paper is printed in this edition and has been placed on the Internet for those ufologists who are interested in the case.

Ademar Gevaerd (Brazil) Believes the children who say they witnessed soldiers capturing ETs from a crashed UFO. His press release regarding this report is printed in this edition.



On The UFO Trail

Moir McGhee (Australia) Spoke about less known Australian UFO reports which were investigated but never mentioned in the press including another incident similar to the Knowles incident when their car was lifted into the air. According to drivers report, a brilliant beam of light covered his car and lit up the surrounding area. He realised then that he was gliding over tree tops for several hundred yards. Suddenly he was put back on the road.

Rev. Glennys Mackay is to be commended for her staging this symposium under difficulties experienced. She lectured about sightings and contacts in Queensland during 1996 and first hand encounters. Her personal encounters are above average. She can be contacted by writing to PO Box 3183 Mansfield M/C Brisbane, Qld. 4122

Joe Lewels, PhD (USA), Quantum Physics Discovers the Holographic Universe-and the UFO Phenomenon. Dr. Lewels' interest in the subject intensified when he read Michael Talbot's book on the above subject that the entire universe and everything we perceive in our world may only be the reflection of ghostly images, holographic projections from a reality so beyond our own that time and space do not exist there. The implications of that concept, he believes, are so astounding that they provide a basis for resolving many of the mysteries of science including those previously considered to be paranormal or mystical.

Kelly Cahill, Spoke about her abduction experience as told in her book recently published by Harper Collins Aust. 1996.

John Carpenter (USA) Lecture subject was Angels, Aliens and Folklore. Beginning with ancient literature from various sources. An

outstanding case was that of Christopher Columbus, 15 September, 1492, the crew saw a spectacular branch of fire falling from sky. Two days later the compass needles declined north west a full quarter. The sailors became depressed. The admiral gave orders that they should mark north again the next morning. The needles were true. The explanation was that the star or what they thought had been a star was changing positions and not the needles.

In 1431 a whole population from Angkor Wat in Columbia mysteriously vanished. It was suggested that large airships removed everyone in a massive abduction.

329 BC while Alexander The Great and his army were crossing the river Jaxartes into India, two shining silver shields dived repeatedly from the sky onto the military columns causing soldiers, elephants and horses to disperse.

322 BC When Alexander The Great was besieging Tyre, a city in Phoenicia (Now Lebanon) soldiers on both sides observed a large flying shield in a triangular formation with four smaller shields circled over the city. The largest UFO shot a beam of light at the city walls and the towers crumbled. The army then marched in and took the city.

Carpenter quoted from several verses taken from former lost books of the Bible and the forgotten books of Eden.

Jaime Maussan (Mexico) spoke on sightings in his country, including those reports which occurred during the total eclipse of the sun. One report described a cigar shaped "mothership" where it was possible to see little UFOs coming out from.

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Warren Aston (Australia) Title of paper given was: The Hard Answers to Earth's Greatest Mystery within a Scientific Paradigm. His opinion is that the data indicates that genuine UFO activity originates from both extra-terrestrial and inter-dimensional sources. He believes that UFOs consist of a combination of secret military developments some of which are based on recovered alien technology, of dimensional activity that masquerades as something else and of a hard core of genuine extra-terrestrial visits by a number of advanced races using faster than light interstellar travel.

Stanton Friedman (Canada) Lecture was concerning top secret research and development, intelligence operation covered in his book "Top Secret/Majic" published by Marlowe & Company.

Bill Chalker (Australia) Spoke about some of the cases in his book "The Oz Files" Duffy & Snellgrove.

George Wingfield (England) Described the Mysterious Flying Triangles. Time did not permit him to discuss crop circles which is his field of endeavour. The Mysterious Flying Triangles reported over Europe and the U.S. The Belgian events of 1988-1989 have been shown on Australian television.

David Summers (Australia), Editor of Exposure Magazine spoke about UFOs and the global cover-up. UFOs and the New World Order. The political, Economic, Religious & Social Implications. His address PO Box 118 Noosa Heads. Qld. 4567.

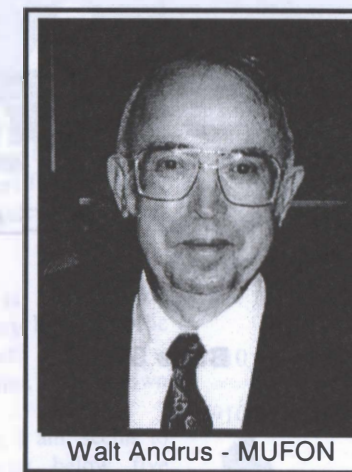
Whitley Strieber (USA) Spoke about current breakthroughs concerning recent changes in UFO experiences including his opinion with regard to implants and growing cultural impact of close encounter phenomenon. His recent book "Breakthrough" is now in book shops and he is now writing another book titled "Secret School".

John Mack PhD Author of the book "Abductions" human encounters with Aliens. In addition to his opinions about abductions a video was shown of his interviews with children in Africa, who claimed to have received messages from aliens that we are destroying our planet.

My personal opinion of this is that we don't have to be abducted to realise this.

After four busy days at the Symposium. I rushed back to Melbourne to meet Walt Andrus at the airport after he spent a couple of days in Sydney. His visit to Melbourne gave me the

opportunity to reciprocate his hospitality which he extended to me when I visited his home in Texas a number of times over the years. I was assisted by Judith Magee in showing him around Melbourne and nearby Dandenongs. He was also welcomed to Melbourne by members of the VUFORS committee. Time permitted a trip along the Great Ocean Road as far as Cape Otway Light House and back to Melbourne in time for the Stanton Friedman lecture given to a packed Dallas Brooks Centre.



Walt Andrus - MUFON

THE FREDERICK VALENTICH DISAPPEARANCE

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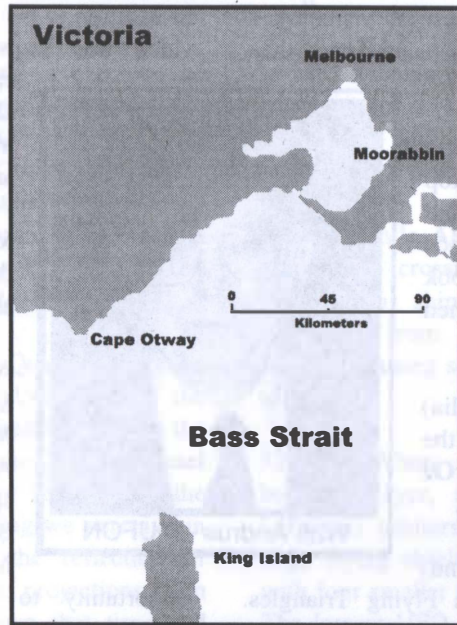
Paul Norman was born and educated in the United States. With the exception of six years in the U. S. Navy and a short period as a publisher's representative, he has been employed in various positions including superintendent in hydro-electric stations and engineer-in-charge of thermal-electric stations. He became interested in unidentified flying objects in February 1953, after observing a UFO approach and hover over a power station in Tennessee. His interest was intensified when Major Keyhoe was cut-off from a coast-to-coast TV network broadcast while attempting to tell the public about official UFO investigations. At that time Mr. Norman joined the fight to end public deception with regard to UFOS.

In 1963, Norman migrated to Melbourne, Australia, where he still continues his research with the Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS), as that organisations Vice President and Investigations Officer. In 1979, Paul joined MUFON as State Director for Victoria and is also a member of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA).

Because of his keen interest in the UFO problem, he opted for early retirement to devote

full time to the investigation of UFO incidents. He has contributed many articles to various publications and now writes a column entitled: "On the UFO Trail" for the VUFORS publication, *The Australian UFO Bulletin*.

During the evening of October 21, 1978, twenty year old Australian Pilot Frederick Valentich disappeared over Bass Strait, while flying from Melbourne's Moorabbin Airport to King Island, off the coast of Victoria. His last communication occurred at 7:12 p.m., during the largest UFO flap in Australian history. Nearly eighteen years after that fatal Saturday evening, no trace has ever been found of either the pilot or his blue and white Cessna model 182 aircraft.



During my travels and correspondence, I have found many false stories circulating around the world regarding this most important case. I have found that these inaccurate statements are coming from individuals at home and abroad. These are people who live thousands of kilometres from the scene where the action took place, newcomers to the field, journalists who write about everything and are experts on nothing except misquotations and out of context reporting and last but not least, "Professors of Impossibility" from the scientific community who have concocted preconceived opinions and have tried to make their ideas fit around them.

Frederick Valentich was not the only person who reported a strange object over and near Bass Strait that day and night. Researchers have found over fifty reported observations in that area which occurred before, during and after his encounter. Most of this information would never have been found without the diligence of researchers from the Victorian UFO Research Society, based at Moorabbin, near the location from whence the mysterious flight originated.

The Bass Strait Flap had been building up for over six weeks prior to the pilot's disappearance. The UFO flap reached a peak that very weekend of October 21st. More daytime sightings were reported that day than in any flap period that we have ever investigated. Many of these reports have been published in the VUFORS publication, AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN, the MUFON UFO JOURNAL, the INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER and other publications throughout the world.

It is a confirmed fact that many UFOs were reported in the vicinity of King Island and the area around Bass Strait on that day and night. Two months prior to this fateful event, we were receiving increasing telephone calls from individuals reporting strange lights in the

sky. About this same time UFO reports were being passed on to the police and the King Island News. We were not aware of the reports occurring on this island until they were forwarded to us after news of the pilot's disappearance became known.

On that same day and night something strange was taking place in the Melbourne and Victorian skies as well as over Bass Strait. That is the inescapable conclusion from startling files of evidence compiled by investigators in the vicinity. Documented interviews with people from unrelated locations up to 300 kilometres apart told similar stories of round objects, star-fish shaped objects and silver cigar shaped UFOs moving slowly in the sky apparently with no visible means of propulsion, no wings and no sound.

ACTUAL TRANSCRIPTION OF MELBOURNE FLIGHT SERVICE

The transcript portion of the communication between Valentich and Melbourne Flight Service as released by the Australian Department of Transport follows: (FS - Flight Service, DSJ - Frederick Valentich aircraft designation).

1908:18	DSJ	Melbourne, it's approaching now from due east towards me.
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet.
1908:41		(open microphone for two seconds.)
1908:48	DSJ	Delta Sierra Juliet, it seems to me that he's playing some sort of game, he's flying over me two, three times at speeds I could not identify.
1909	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, what is your actual level?
	DSJ	my level is four and a half thousand, four five zero zero.
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, and you confirm you cannot identify the aircraft?
	DSJ	Affirmative.
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, stand by.
1909:27	DSJ	Melbourne, Delta Sierra Juliet, it's not an aircraft it is (open microphone for two seconds).
1909:42	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, can you describe the -er- aircraft?
	DSJ	Delta Sierra Juliet, as it's flying past it's a long shape (open microphone for three seconds) cannot identify more than it has such speed (open microphone for three seconds). It's before me right now Melbourne.
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, roger and how large would the - er - object be?
1910:19	DSJ	Delta Sierra Juliet, Melbourne, it seems like it's stationary. What I'm doing right now is orbiting and the thing is just orbiting on top of me also. It's got a green light and sort of metallic like, it's all shiny on the outside.
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet
1910:46	DSJ	Delta Sierra Juliet (open microphone for three seconds) It's just vanished.
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet
1911	DSJ	Melbourne, would you know what kind of aircraft I've got? Is it a military aircraft?
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, Confirm the - er ~ aircraft just vanished.
	DSJ	Say again.
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, is the aircraft still with you?
	DSJ	Delta Sierra Juliet; it's (open
1906:14	DSJ	Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet. Is there any known traffic below five thousand?
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, no known traffic.
	DSJ	Delta Sierra Juliet, I am, seems to be a large aircraft below five thousand.
1906:44	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, What type of aircraft is it?
	DSJ	Delta Sierra Juliet, I cannot affirm, it is four bright, it seems to me like landing lights.
1907	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet.
1907:31	DSJ	Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet, the aircraft has just passed over me at least a thousand feet above.
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, and it is a large aircraft, confirmed?
	DSJ	Er-unknown, due to the speed it's travelling, is there any air force aircraft in the vicinity?
	FS	Delta Sierra Juliet, no known aircraft in the vicinity.

microphone for two seconds) now approaching from the south-west.

1911:50 FS Delta Sierra Juliet

DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet, the engine is rough-idling. I've got it set at twenty three twenty-four and the thing is coughing.

FS Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, what are your intentions?

DSJ My intentions are - ah - to go to King Island - ah - Melbourne. That strange aircraft is hovering on top of me again (open microphone for two seconds). It is hovering and it's not an aircraft.

1912:28 FS Delta Sierra Juliet.

DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet. Melbourne (open microphone for seventeen seconds).

No official conclusion has been given for the strange sound which was heard that interrupted the last statement of the pilot.

The Valentich encounter is almost a carbon copy of the experience of a four man crew aboard an Army helicopter who encountered a frightening event on 18 October, 1973, almost five years to the day prior to the Valentich disappearance.

Captain Lawrence Coyne was flying near Mansfield, Ohio at 2500 feet when a crew member notified the captain that an object was approaching on a collision course. Coyne then initiated a 'Control descent to 1700 feet. The UFO took up a position just ahead of the helicopter which was flying at 100 knots. The pilot was amazed his helicopter was climbing even though his controls were in descending position. At 3500 feet there was a thump when the helicopter broke loose from the object.

During this period Coyne tried to contact air fields nearby but both UHF and VHF frequencies had failed. Coyne also reported that his compass was rotating slowly. The shape of the object was described as cigar or long shaped and its manoeuvrability was identical to the one reported by Valentich. The instruments were later checked out in Cleveland and found to be satisfactory. In this case Larry Coyne and his crew got back to tell the story, Frederick Valentich did not.

While military and civilian aircraft searched the area over Bass Strait, VUFORS investigators concentrated

their efforts with interviews of witnesses who had reported objects they had seen flying that same day and night. Some examples of reports follow: (Names are on file with VUFORS) Currie, King Island, 2:00 p.m.: The sky was clear, except one large cloud directly overhead. Out of this cloud came an object similar to a huge golf ball about a quarter-size of the moon. The object was white or silver in colour. It moved slowly to the west toward the sea. The UFO stopped at an angle of 70 degrees above the horizon, then started moving back in the direction from whence it came. At that time there was no wind. The cloud remained stationary. The UFO was the only object seen to be moving in the sky. No balloons are released at King Island on the weekends.

Beginning less than one hour after the King Island UFO was seen, twin cigar shaped objects were reported to be moving from west to east over Victoria, near Bass Strait. They were last seen about 4:30 p.m. when suddenly they changed colour from silver to white, made a sweeping curve to the north and sped away. The movement of these objects was traced by interviewing witnesses scattered along a flight path until the objects sped away. The observers nearest to the UFOs were almost directly under the objects. They described them to be about three-quarters the size of a Boeing 747 aircraft, joined together with two silver beams. They were last seen over the ranges near Cape Otway.

At 6:45 p.m., just 21 minutes before Pilot Valentich radioed Melbourne Flight Service that he was encountering an unknown aircraft, Roy Manifold, of Melbourne, photographed on 35mm film, an object hurtling in a blur of speed and mist out of the water near Cape Otway lighthouse. All modes of computer analysis were used to gain data. including edge enhancement, colour contouring, digitising and filtering. The analysis was made by GSW and critique issued by William H. Spaulding, GSW Director. The photos were also examined by other photo specialists.

Publication of the photos brought "Professors of Impossibility" out of their arm chairs for another debunking attempt. They decreed that the photos showed "a cloud or a puff of smoke". VUFORS advisors quickly exploded this hasty announcement. The object appears only in two of the six pictures, taken while the camera was in automatic sequencing. The time interval between each photograph is confirmed by the setting sun's Position. In the last

picture the so called cloud is already nine degrees into the shot. This means it would have been moving at 200 miles per hour. It is not possible for a cloud or puff of smoke to move at this speed on a calm day.

Communications between Valentich and Melbourne Flight Service were recorded from 7:06 to 7:12 p.m., before an unexplained sound abruptly terminated the voice communications. During that time, twenty people located in different areas around Bass Strait observed a green light in ' the same direction and at the same time the pilot was reporting the approach and description of an object with a green light.

In addition, other reports have been forthcoming, such as: In the southern suburb of Frankston, a mother and four teenagers reported what appeared to resemble a sky rocket, although the object was stationary. The colour appeared to be a mixture of red, pink and white. The witnesses estimated the object to be a quarter-size of the moon. The mother said that at the time of the sighting she did not realise it was a UFO, until later when she learned that other people had seen the same object. At the same time, a bank manager and his wife, while driving on the highway west of Melbourne, observed a star-fish shaped object out over the Strait. They noticed green flickering lights at the ends. The couple are of the opinion that it was the same object that Valentich was reporting before the strange sound jammed his radio transmission.

Another sighting was reported from Ormond, a suburb in southern Melbourne, occurring at 7:15 p.m. when lights were noted in a cigar shaped arrangement. The lights were described as looking like "silver rain" as they appeared to fall or else were turned off from top to bottom.

Two lads were out in the street communicating with their walkie-talkies when they saw a star-shaped object appear at a low altitude over their heads. It was moving slightly faster than an aircraft as if *oh* an approach run to an airport. During the observation both witnesses recall a sound like a low pulsating hum was associated with the object. Each of the walkie-talkies first became jammed with static then communication was lost altogether, even though the

lads were only a short distance apart. Communication was restored when the UFO flew away. Their description was of an object with bright white lights placed intermittently at each tip of a star-fish shaped object and at Various points along the arcs to the tips.

There were many other similar reports of flying objects throughout southern Victoria during that same day and night and they continued for several days following this strange encounter. These reports were being referred to VUFORS from various sources.

An outstanding sighting was reported on Monday evening, 23 October, 1978, only two days later. It occurred at 9.00 p.m. as two families were preparing to leave the beach. They saw a cigar shaped light speeding low over Port Philip Bay, from the direction of Bass Strait. When it reached a position about halfway across the bay, between the observers on the Frankston beach and Williamstown on the opposite shore, the UFO flashed a brilliant white ray of light. Following this event a smaller red light was noted to have detached itself from the larger object. As the large UFO sped away to the north, the smaller red one flew at a much slower speed toward the beach where the observers were standing. As the smaller object approached the beach, the nine people observed that the object was shaped like a star-fish with red lights at each tip. They

could also hear a low humming sound as it flew nearby. When the red lighted UFO was a mile or so past the group, it stopped in mid air for a few minutes. It then accelerated away at a much faster speed in the direction of Bass Strait where the larger lighted object had first appeared.

One of the best indications from observers that a UFO was involved in Frederick's experience came a few years after the event when four witnesses came forward to report sighting both the aircraft and the UFO flying directly above the Cessna. They had hesitated reporting outside their immediate friends because of fear of ridicule. They came forward when they did because the information bore on their conscience.

An uncle, his son and two nieces were rabbit hunting at Cape Otway. A niece looked up and saw the green light and called to her uncle, "What is that light?" The



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uncle looked up and answered, "An aeroplane light". The niece then said, "No, the light above the aeroplane". Frederick was the only pilot flying in the area at that time. Sight of the aeroplane and object was lost when they flew behind the hills. This sighting completely rules out all speculations and fictitious stories - other than that a UFO was involved in the pilot's disappearance.



CONCLUSIONS

The Frederick Valentich encounter provides an excellent case for study. It is an incident that can be compared with several other encounters where objects have revealed similar characteristics such as magnetic effects, ignition failure as well as communication failures etc. There is no doubt in my mind that the disappearance of Frederick Valentich and his Cessna was caused by a UFO. I do not know whether he went up, down or was disintegrated. The electromagnetic effect from the UFO may have stalled his engine (since he did report the engine was rough-idling or "coughing") and caused him to crash into the water. There is also the possibility that the mystery sound which ended the transmission between Melbourne Flight Service and the pilot was the sound of his aircraft in the early stages of disintegration. Another possibility is that his radio frequency may have been jammed deliberately by persons or entities.

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We wish to commend our Representatives from the country areas, who are carrying out investigative work on behalf of VUFORS. Their excellent reports greatly assist the Committee. Thank you all.

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PRESS RELEASE - URGENT EXTRATERRESTRIALS CAPTURED BY BRAZILIAN ARMY

On January 20, military forces captured two extraterrestrial creatures still alive in Brazil. The captures occurred in neighboring areas of city of Varginha, State of Minas Gerais, central Brazil. The fact is to be considered one of the most significant ever registered in this country and in the entire world. Military authorities are keeping secret of all details of the operation, but some info have already leaked to the UFO community due to the investigative job of Dr. Ubirajara Franco Rodrigues and Vil6rio Paccaccini, who live nearby and recognized as serious and dedicated researchers.

On the afternoon of January 20, about 15:30 h local time, 3 young girls named Liliane, Valquiria and K6tia observed a strange creature in a field of small bushes a few block from where they live. It was a Saturday and they were coming back from their jobs when, crossing an empty area, their attention was attracted by a strange being a few meters away. The ET was kneeling and looked like it was hurt, suffering some sort of pain. No UFO was ever seen. The girls observed it for a few minutes and run always, afraid that they had just encountered the devil...

The 3 girls were extensively interrogated by above mentioned researchers, leaving no doubt whatsoever about what happened. Very simple kids, they described the ET being as a dark brown creature, with small body of 4 to 5 feet, no hair at all, big brown head, small neck. It also seemed to have some greasy, dark oil on its skin. An strange odor was noticed by the mother of the girls, when she went to the site. The head of the creature had 2 big red eyes, no pupils, very small mouth and nose and - what is interesting - 3 protuberances in the head. The girls described such protuberances as horns.

Following the leads, researchers Rodrigues and Pacaccini started making inquiries everywhere in the town of Varginha, in order to know if anybody else had seen the same creature. They found several other people who also observed the ET in the same location and maybe other ET's in different locations. While conducting an investigative job, both discovered that different witnesses had seen army trucks and other military vehicle and personnel in the very morning of that day, a few blocks from the place the girls saw the ET.

In trying to find out what the military were doing, Rodrigues and Pacaccini came to meet a few soldiers and sergeants. One of them decided to talk secretly about their mission, in a confidential taped interview. This sergeant confirmed that, about 09:00 h a.m., January 20, the Fire Department of Varginha was required to capture a strange animal in that area. When 4 fireman arrived in a truck in the place, they noticed that it was not any strange animal at all, and reported the fact to the Army Sergeant School commander in neighboring city of Tr6s Cora66es (about 10 miles east of Varginha).

An Army truck was sent to the place and both forces captured the creature using nets and equipment regularly used to capture wild animals. The ET was placed still alive in a box that was then covered by resistant fabric. The box was placed on top of the truck, the vehicle headed to the Army Sergeant School and all personnel involved was ordered not to talk about it with anyone else. "It was a secret operation", told them the lieutenant-colonel Wanderley, who commanded the operation.

After such unusual, confidential report, a few others military decided to come forward and

Speak about, as long as their identities were totally kept secret. The all confirmed, on taped interviews, that a second creature (possibly the same one saw by the girls at that afternoon) was captured on the night of January 20, by personnel from the Army and the Fire Department. Details of such operation is fully known. This creature, identical to the first one, was taken to the Regional General Hospital of Varginha at that same night, stayed there for a few hour and then was transferred to a better equipped facility, the Humanitas Hospital.

A few nurses and personnel from Regional General Hospital had confirmed some facts and they were all suppressed. Individuals who had contact with the second creature were advised to avoid press and UFO researchers and not to talk about it with anyone in their relations and family. At the Humanitas Hospital, the second creature was kept at least for 2 days and, on the night on January 22, a huge military operation was taken to remove the creature, already dead.

Interviews with some of the military who participated in this new operation, removing the creature from the Humanitas Hospital, declared that 3 Army trucks were used, each one driven by 2 different soldiers. It is believed that 3 trucks were used to remove only one body in order to avoid the soldiers to know in which truck would it be transported. The drivers and their fellows couldn't see the details of the operations, as they were kept outside the hospital area. Military personnel from the Army Internal Intelligence (called "S-2" in Brazil and extremely violent and repressive) were responsible for getting the corpse from the interior of the hospital, placing it in a box and then in one of the trucks.

All 3 trucks then were taken to a military facility in Campinas, State of São Paulo, about 200 miles from Varginha, in the middle of the night. There, the corpse was removed to the University of Campinas, one of the best institutions in the country. It is believed -- and we

already have detailed info to be soon released -- that the ET body was autopsied by Dr. Badan Palhares, worldwide acclaimed as one of the best professionals in that area alive (he was the one who autopsied German nazi Mengele, about 10 years ago). Palhares, as well as any other authority involved, denied to part of such operations.

UFO researchers from all over the country have been helping closely Rodrigues and Pacceini, in order to discover each and every detail of the capture of the 2 ETs. Media in Brazil has never been so active and great majority of population believes that the case is real and that the military and civil authorities involved are keeping the facts secret. Many strange facts are happening simultaneously, such as prison of soldiers, sergeants being transferred at last time etc. The phones of main UFO researchers involved in the case are confirmed to be tapped and a few threats had been made anonymously.

Up to now, almost all details of the whole operation are known to the UFO researchers and a few can already been released. In a matter of weeks, all info will be fully disclosed by the UFO researchers involved, throughout the UFO Magazine, to the entire world. Everyday, new pieces of this fantastic puzzle are been received by researchers in many cities and more and more military personnel have agreed to talk. Meanwhile, the region where Varginha is located, in the South of State of Minas Gerais, is subject to one of the biggest UFO waves ever registered, with huge UFOs in close range observations, landings and contacts.

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THE EARLY YEARS

(A selection of reports from "The Australian Flying Saucer Magazine" published by the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau in the early 1950's)

Phoenix, Arizona - July 9, 1947

The "Arizona Republic", a big newspaper in the vacation town, published two of "the first clearly recorded" photographs of "what was believed to be a mysterious flying disc". Taken by amateur photographer William A. Rhodes from the rear of his own home, the pictures, when developed, showed a thing very much like a wide, flat arrowhead and, underneath, what seems to be a round hole is evident.

Other Phoenix residents later agreed that the photos were of the same object they had seen the same day circling over the town.

Melbourne, Victoria - May 23, 1953

At Surrey Hills a group of people reported seeing a long, silver rocketlike shape hurtling across the sky around midday. Estimated by one witness to be 100 feet long, the sun shone brilliantly on its sides as it flashed by. A long silver jet streamed beside it. The witnesses said that its shape was long and pencil-like.

Very high up, it was in view four minutes, darting overhead into a cloud and then shooting back in the opposite direction again. It looked like an illuminated pencil as it travelled across the rays of the sun and the observers agreed that they had never seen anything flying as high before.

A Melbourne astronomer said that the object could not have been a meteor. He said "a lot of things are seen every day. It is impossible to account for every phenomenon of the sky or the objects which fly about it".

Although in this instance a high-flying plane was over Melbourne at the time the rocket was reported, a Laverton official said that the plane was "so high that no-one could have seen it". One witness said that he had seen a plane fly over just before sighting the rocket.

Bendigo, Victoria - September 15, 1953

Three people reported seeing a blue-green saucer shooting silently over the town the previous night.

Travelling at terrific speed, it was sighted by witnesses who were in three different parts of the town.

These archives were made available to VUFORS by Mr Murray Bott of New Zealand.

Astronauts Speak Out About UFOs

Apollo 14 Astronaut Dr Edgar Mitchell

Apollo 14 astronaut **Dr. Edgar Mitchell** recently talked about the subject of UFOs, among other topics, on NBC's Dateline news program with correspondent Dennis Murphy. This several minute discussion has taken on seemingly mythic status among some of us who are interested in UFOs, if the comments coming over the Internet are representative of our thinking. All sorts of meaning is being attributed to Dr. Mitchell's comments. Some see this as evidence that the government is preparing us slowly for the ultimate big announcement that UFOs are indeed real and extraterrestrial. Whatever the purpose behind his comments, so that we don't forget, here is what Dr. Mitchell's said about UFOs on the program. (EM: Dr. Mitchell; DM: Dennis Murphy.)

DM: And now Mitchell is taking another step beyond ... This man who has been to the Moon is saying publicly for the first time that he believes we have been visited by inhabitants from other planets. Extraterrestrials. Here, he says he has talked to people who have had close encounters of the third kind.

EM: I have no first hand experience. I have had the opportunity to meet with people who, *in the course of their official duties*, claim to have had personal first hand encounter experiences. [Emphasis by MORA. Think

about what he said. Did he really mean it? If so, WOW!]

DM: With extraterrestrials?

EM: With extraterrestrials.

DM: From some other place?

EM: That's what they claim.

DM: Take for instance what may be the most famous sighting of ufology, the wreckage of something that fell out of the sky and was found in the desert of Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. Mitchell is in the camp of those who believe it was a

space craft. He scoffs at the government's explanation of a crashed high atmosphere balloon.

EM: The people that were there said that's utter nonsense. Come on, let's have the truth,

DM: Do you think it's more likely than not that extraterrestrials have been to this planet?

EM: From what I now understand and have experienced and seen the evidence for, I think the evidence is very strong. And large portions of it are classified.

DM: Classified by whom?

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EM: The government.

DM: You are saying it not only likely happened, but there's been a cover-up?

EM: I think if it has happened the way it seems to be, there has definitely been a cover-up.

DM: Mitchell wouldn't name names, but he says some of his information comes from former highly classified government employees. People who say our government picked up some engineering secrets from UFOs. The Department of Defense declined to comment on Mitchell's allegations, but gave us the U.S. Air Force's standard handout on unidentified flying objects which states "there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as unidentified are extraterrestrial." Case closed.

Mitchell on Hoagland

If you think Dr. Mitchell will support the subject of UFOs and related matters in a knee jerk fashion, hear what he has to say about Richard Hoagland and the position Hoagland has taken with regard to what the Apollo astronauts allegedly saw on the Moon. This conversation took place on Art Bell's Coast to Coast radio program on April 26, 1996. (EM: Dr. Mitchell; AB: Art Bell.)

AB: Richard Hoagland claims that there are great glass structures on the Moon. And he presents photographs including one I might add - of you on the Moon in which he claims reflections in your visor are showing things that were in front of you that you have not admitted were there.

EM: The kindest thing that can be said is what the Washington Post said. It's green cheese and baloney - it simply is not true. It's

pseudo science. It's just nonsense. Alan Bean, I think a quick comment, a proper comment. I happened to be out of pocket at the time this [Richard Hoagland's] press conference took place a month ago. But Alan Bean's comment is absolutely correct. "Had we discovered such a thing, we would have been totally delighted to reveal it to the public." And he also said tongue in cheek, "I would have loved to have gone to collect the Nobel Prize for having such a discovery." No, there simply was nothing like that.

Note

On May 15, 1996 Mr. Hoagland and Dr. Mitchell discussed the Apollo 14 moon landing mission and Hoagland's theories about Lunar alien constructs on the Art Bell Coast to Coast Radio Program for three hours. This discussion was full of fascinating information and insights. The complete transcript of this copyrighted radio program can be found on the World Wide Web at

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/debate.html>

Linda Moulton Howe Interview of Edgar Mitchell

Linda Moulton Howe plays the tape of an interview with Dr. Mitchell on Art Bell's Dreamland radio show on April 28, 1996 and seemed to learn much more than Art Bell did as noted above. (EM: Dr. Mitchell; LH: Linda Moulton Howe.)

LH: I wanted to recap for our Dreamland audience what former Apollo 14 astronaut and physicist Edgar Mitchell said about his NBC Dateline appearance on April 19th, in which he stated that government officials in the U.S.S.R., Belgium and the United States told him they have had face-to-face meetings with extraterrestrials. And I know you did a long interview with him on Coast to Coast Friday

UFO's Are Real !!

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Friday the 18th of October saw the widely respected ufologist and nuclear physicist, **Stanton Friedman** visit Melbourne to present a public lecture at the Dallas Brooks Centre.

Stanton was in Australia to attend and speak at the Australian International UFO Symposium held by MUFON QLD in Brisbane. (See **On The UFO Trail** in this issue for further information regarding the symposium).

Nearly 1,500 interested people were in attendance as Stanton presented compelling evidence that UFOs are a "*Cosmic Watergate*". Areas covered during the illustrated presentation included saucer crashes in New Mexico, 1947 (Friedman is known to be one of the original investigators of the Roswell incident); the Betty and Barney Hill abduction including particular details of the star map recalled

by Betty under hypnosis and the subsequent work by Ohio school teacher, Marjorie Fish to interpret the map and identify the origin of the abductors as being Zeta Reticuli.

Another case during the lecture was the 1971 close encounter in Delphos, Kansas where a UFO was seen new the ground and left glowing circle. The farmer touched this circle and was left with numb fingers for days. Later analysis

showed that the soil from the affected area would no longer absorb water.

The lecture was arranged by **Martin & Rosenthal Pictures** to promote one of Stanton's latest publications: an interactive CD-ROM entitled '*UFO's the Real Story*'. (See the advertisement in this Bulletin).

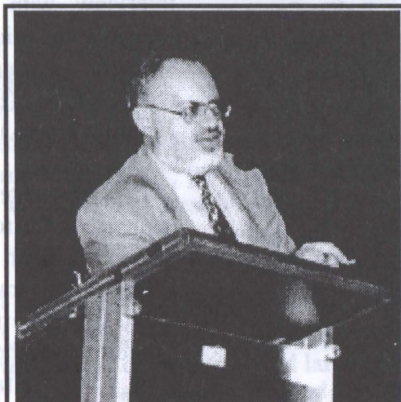
Also promoted was Stanton's new book: '*TOP SECRET/MAJIC*'. Friedman has been investigating the MJ-12 story since the initial document was leaked in 1984.

This book is the result of that research and covers the authentication of the original briefing paper; discussion regarding the members of MJ-12 and reveals for the first time, information about a NEW document: the *Majestic-12 Operations Manual* received in 1994.

A quote from Stanton: "In the past I have often said, when asked if I have ever seen a UFO, that no, I had never seen one, - but then I had never seen Australia either, and I was sure it was there! Entertainment Tonight quoted me on that one and the show was also seen down under. I guess I will now have to say I have never seen Tokyo, but I know it's there. I am hopeful of doing a longer tour in Australia in the near future."



Stanton signs his CD ROMs



Stanton presenting to the large crowd

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UFO PUZZLE UNCOVERED

By RICK BAYNE

WARRNAMBOOL'S rash of strange night lights is reaching epidemic proportions but mystery still surrounds the origin of the lights.

From last Thursday night, more than a dozen people have contacted 'The Standard' about a bright orange light seen moving in various directions.

Several theories have been presented, including a weather balloon and a Russian space station, and the Victorian UFO Research Society is investigating the claims.

A spokesman for the Bureau of Meteorology said yesterday it was unlikely a weather balloon would be the source of the lights.

Most of the sightings have been similar in nature, describing a bright orange light which can change direction and is often seen for about 20 minutes. There were a number of independent reports of the strange light prior to publicity in 'The Standard'.

The sightings reached a peak on Tuesday night with several reports ranging from 9 pm to 1.30 am yesterday.

A researcher for the Victorian UFO Research Society has been in Warrnambool this week investigating the sightings and interviewing some of the people who lodged reports.

James Kennedy said he was currently

putting together the information.

"We investigate all cases on their merits. It's pretty incredible the number of sightings in the Warrnambool area at the moment," he said.

"Once we have all the information we will work out our conclusions and release a report. It could be anything, we're not sure at this stage."

Seven members of the St John's choir watched a large orange light coming towards the city at 9 pm on Tuesday.

A Henna Street resident said she saw a strong orange light in east Warrnambool about 11.20 pm on Tuesday.

"I watched it for about 20 minutes. It went up and down and around in different directions," she said.

Another resident saw the strange lights between 1.05 am and 1.20 am yesterday and said it moved across the sky below the cloud line.

"It was close enough that if it had been a helicopter you would have heard it," he said.

"It was so close that it frightened me. It was quite intriguing, quite frightening so much so that I thought 'I hope it keeps going'."

Over the years, he said he had seen many strange lights in the sky, but this was the only one he could not explain.

UFO group investigates mysterious orange lights

A retired science teacher from Melbourne, who is staying in Hickford Parade, said he and a neighbor watched the deep orange light approach from the north and curve towards the Logans Beach area.

"It was absolutely silent and not very high. My conclusion was that it was a weather balloon," he said.

However, a bureau spokesman said that was highly unlikely.

"I don't think it would be a weather balloon. They have only a little light and reflector for connecting to the

radar but it's unlikely anyone would see it at night," he said.

Warrnambool stargazer James Henry suggested the large bright light may have been the Russian space station MIR.

"Because satellites (or anything else that flies around the Earth) move in a curved path parallel to the earth's surface, it is this motion that appears to the watcher as a diversion of its flight path as it approaches and moves away," Mr Henry said.

The UFO Research Society can be contacted on 03 950 67080.

Police warning on safety risk



This is it: Alan Beales shows one a 'UFO' which scorched his roof on Thursday night. It is made from a large garbage bag attached to a wire frame containing firelighters. Picture: LEANNE GOURLEY

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night. Many people here were talking about it, Art. And I talked with Dr. Mitchell briefly on Friday night as well, in the morning just before I left. And here for a recap is ... Edgar Mitchell.

(LH activates a tape recorder.)

EM: What I said was that these people claimed to have been in meetings, or places, where contact between E.T.s and our people took place.

LH: OK!

EM: And, there are some that claim that they are back engineering to learn how to build, to learn the technological side of E.T. craft. There are new ones coming forth that have been reluctant to speak out, that are getting quite elderly now, and want to try to clear the record before they die. All I can say is that I was impressed by what little I gleaned in these meetings; the purpose of the meetings was to open the doors to get the classification released. To get these people granted amnesty from their security provisions. It was not to get the information out to the public, because these folks will tell their stories under the right circumstances.

(The tape recorder is turned off.)

LH: Those "right circumstances", Art, means an Executive Order, by the President of the United States, to give amnesty to all the insiders who have been in on the extraterrestrial UFO story and who have signed oaths. And I wondered if Dr. Mitchell had received any warnings not to talk so straight forwardly about an extraterrestrial presence, and this is that exchange.

(The tape recorder is turned back on.)

LH: Has anybody ever come to you from an intelligence group, or anybody in the government and said, "Dr. Mitchell, don't talk about this?"

EM: No, but I am expecting it. (He chuckles')

LH: If you are expecting it, what is your response going to be?

EM: Go to Hell.

LH: Um ... humm.

EM: Gimme your badge number, and we'll talk about it in the press.

LH: And you feel this strongly now, because why?

EM: The evidence is mounting.

(The tape recorder is turned off. Linda Howe reads a closing statement by Dr. Mitchell.)

LH: I asked Dr. Mitchell if he thought that the current status-quo that is being held by the insiders could be released now, before we hit 2000. And I thought Dr. Mitchell's comment was appropriate because it reflects also what Whitley Strieber and others are talking about today on a panel. Dr. Mitchell says, "This is like the last fight of the dinosaurs, to keep the jungle like it was. And that there are events that are moving us forward ... that things are changing around us regardless of the old paradigms. They are apparently being swept away. And what's in front of us is a new cosmology, a complete re-definition of the universe, of space-time, of our relationship to it, and our ability apparently to move in a universe in ways that we have yet to learn."

Astronaut Gordon Cooper

Edgar Mitchell isn't the only astronaut talking about UFOs. Colonel Gordon Cooper, one of the "original seven" astronauts chosen for Mercury and the last American to fly in space alone, has also come out in public recently to talk about UFOs. (See: Huneus, J. Antonio, "UFO Chronicle - Astronaut Gordon Cooper Speaks Up About UFOs", *FATE*, July 1995, pp18 & 21.) This isn't Cooper's first sojourn into this arena; he had actively promoted the subject of UFOs up until sometime in the mid-1970's when, according to the late Leonard Stringfield, he was silenced. (See the *Ohio UFO Notebook*, #10, p 18.)

On May 7, 1996 Gordon Cooper (GC) appeared on the TV show "The Paranormal Borderline", hosted by actor Jonathan Frakes (JF) of "Star Trek: The New Generation" fame. Cooper was interviewed by Yolanda Gaskins (YG). So that we don't forget what Colonel Cooper said about UFOs on this show, here it is.

(YG) I've read about this incident you had in 1951 and you said you saw literally hundreds of unidentifiable [sic] flying objects.

(GC) Yes, they were flying quite high. How high, we couldn't tell because we couldn't get anywhere near their altitude, but they were either very large craft way up or smaller craft still well above what we could get to.

(YG) For a day and a half, all of this happened, but then no one wanted to talk about it?

(GC) Well, we sent a report forward on it and the answer finally came back months later that they were probably high flying seed pods, which didn't sound very logical.

(YG) There are always a lot of excuses, there's always weather balloons - I've heard that one before...

(GC) Weather balloons are frequently, by the way, are often mistaken for UFOs. I chased one one time in an airplane and, boy, it really looked like a big saucer very high and I had an after burner going and got as high as I could get in this airplane and as I started pulling up along close to it, I had a very shamed face look on my face when I realized it was a big weather balloon with the radio package hanging under it.

(YG) But still the point is that you could get close to that. In 1951 you couldn't get even get to close to the things that were flying overhead. You or anyone else that was flying with...

(GC) Faster. Higher.

(JF) Six years later Cooper again encountered a UFO. This one definitely was not a weather balloon. While supervising flight testing at Edwards Air Force Base, his military camera crew actually filmed an unidentified saucer shaped object landing near the site.

(GC) As they were sitting there filming, a little saucer came floating - I say little saucer, it was a saucer came flying over their heads, put down three little landing gear and landed right on the dry lake bed. And they picked up their cameras and started over toward it, filming as they went, and when they got in fairly close to it, it lifted up and put the gear back into the wheel wells, tipped up, and took off at a great rate of speed. And so they came into my office and told me what had happened and I sent 'em over to develop the film. And I had to go through all of the proper regulations of reporting this and we wound up having to send the film forward to

Washington and they - by airplane - and I don't know whether anyone has ever seen it since.

(YG) Now, the vehicle that you just described, how similar was it to the very first sighting that you had in 1951 ?

(GC) Basically the same planform vehicle. They were double saucers - lenticular. If you are going to be going in and out of the atmospheres, like Earth or other places might have, you certainly need a little more aerodynamic type vehicle, and a saucer, it has the capability of going through the air at tremendous rates of speed, and handling the bow and trailing wave without making shock waves so it can be very silent while travelling at great speeds through the atmosphere.

(JF) But sightings of UFOs weren't limited to the military. Cooper has commercial airline pilots who have also seen UFOs.

(GC) Yes, a friend of mine, the captain of a major airline at night was flying along and noticed this, suddenly a big glow came off his left wing, and he looked out and this big saucer was sitting right off their wing. And so he turned and moved away, turned back and it had moved back in position, turned to his copilot and said. "Do you see what I see?" And he said, "Oh god, yeah I do." And it trailed along with 'em for quite a period of time and then tipped up and climbed very steeply away.

(JF) For years many rumours have circulated about astronaut sightings of UFOs in space.

Cooper believes most of them are false, with one exception.

(GC) To my knowledge, the only thing that was ever seen on any of our space flights - and believe me, all of us would like to have seen something - was on Jim McDivitt's Gemini 7, where they saw this glint of something metallic off in the distance, reported it and nobody had it listed on the ground. So he tried getting a picture of it, but the sun unfortunately was glinting off it so all you got was just a glint. There was no detail on what it was, but never any further sighting at all of it.

**"I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets and are obviously a little more advanced than we are here on Earth."
- Gordon Cooper**

(JF) Years later Cooper approached the United Nations with a proposal for a committee that would explore the UFO phenomena.

(YG) Tell me about the letter to the UN.

(GC) The letter to the UN was in conjunction with a meeting that I had with Kurt Waldheim in the Security Council of the UN to try and encourage the UN to establish a committee to start preparing notes and data and information and to really look into all of this from an unbiased neutral point of view.

(YG) Here's a quote from your letter. "I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets and are obviously a little more advanced than we are here on Earth." And you are saying that is exactly why governments have been trying to keep this information private because of that obvious advancement?

(GC) I think we'll see our government having a totally different approach to the UFO situation, or extraterrestrial, or whatever you want to call it. I think the pressure that comes to bear on the government, for whatever reason they withhold information, is certainly getting more, and more, and more. So, I would like to think they are going to really release all of the information.

(YG) Did you ever think that we were the only ones in this vastness of space? Did you ever think that there was the possibility that we were the only planet that actually had some kind of a life form?

(GC) No, I've always felt that there were a lot of other planets that had life forms. With all of those numbers of potentially inhabited planets out there, I think we're kind of vain to think that God would inhabit only one of them.

Comment by William E. Jones

I need to make a comment at this point about the Edwards Air Force Base sighting that Colonel Cooper talks about above. In 1995 MORA set up a booth at a UFO and "new age" exposition in Dayton, Ohio at the Hara Arena in an attempt to promote our organisation in that area. While there, a female security guard showed some of us a fading Polaroid picture of a disc shaped vehicle sitting on three wheeled landing struts behind some sort of building. A large camper type vehicle could be seen parked nearby. The tripod landing gear seemed to be about five feet high, The gear appeared to be constructed so that they could be retracted up inside the disc. The disc itself was about three feet in depth. It was approximately 25 feet in diameter. A small cockpit appeared on the right side of the vehicle as viewed in the picture. This was clearly a man made vehicle

of some sort, but it was not one of the saucer shaped test vehicles that have been shown publicly, such as the Canadian Avrocar.

The security guard whom we talked to said that she had taken the picture at an Air Force base in Florida. It was parked outside of a hanger and, when she was spotted by base security, she was told to leave the area. They apparently didn't realise she had taken the picture, although it was apparent to her that no effort was being made to keep this saucer shaped vehicle from being seen. She didn't want to provide us with more information or a copy of the picture. She said that she was hoping to sell it to a TV show.

If this vehicle was ever tested at Edwards AFB and landed near Colonel Cooper's people, it would fit the description of the vehicle described by him. We can't rule out that Cooper's people filmed a then secret test device that has never been shown to the public.

Mercury Astronaut Deke Slayton

Deke Slayton was one of the original seven Mercury astronauts who is remembered as the one who did not get to fly in space during that initial program for medical reasons. He hung in there longer and knew more about the manned space program than anyone else and ended up running the Astronaut Office. He chose which astronaut would fly which mission; Neil Armstrong will be forever remembered for being the first man to walk on the moon because Deke Slayton picked him for that role. He finally got into space on the Apollo-Soyuz mission thirteen years after he believed he should have.

We have heard a lot about UFO sightings by astronauts during their space missions. If

anyone was in a position to know if that occurred, it was Deke Slayton. Here is what he had to say about UFOs in his book, *Deke! U. S. Manned Space: From Mercury to the Shuttle*, Tom Doherty Associates, Inc., 1994, pp 49-51.

"I was up about the middle of one afternoon [in 1951] - a nice sunny day - wringing out this particular 51. I had just come out of a spin at about ten thousand feet over the Mississippi River, near Prescott, where the Mississippi and the St. Croix meet, about twenty-five miles from the Twin Cities. I was heading back to Holman Field when all of a sudden I saw this white object about my altitude, at one o'clock.

"I didn't think anything about it. My first thought was that it looked like a kite. But logic said nobody's flying a kite at this altitude. So I started kind of watching it to see what it was.

"I was closing on it, but I still didn't think too much about it. The closer I got, the more it looked like a weather balloon, and I'm thinking, that's what it's gotta be. Then I flew past it a little high, about a thousand feet off. It still looked like a three-foot diameter weather balloon to me.

"My guess on the dimensions couldn't have been too far off. I had plenty of gas, so I figured I'd make a pass on it. Burn some gas and have a little fun. I pulled into a turn.

"But when I came out of that turn and headed straight at it, all of a sudden it didn't look like a balloon anymore. It looked like a disk on edge!

"I thought, that's strange. Then I realised I wasn't closing on that son of a bitch. A P-51 at that time would cruise at 280 miles an hour.

But this thing just kept going and climbing at the same time at about a forty-five degree climb. I kept trying to follow it, but he just left me behind and flat disappeared."

Deke didn't tell anyone about the sighting for two days, but over a couple of beers at the officers club, he decided to tell his boss. His boss immediately ordered him to give the intelligence people a briefing in the morning, which he did. The people he briefed responded by admitting that a local high altitude research balloon company had been tracking a balloon that day with both an aircraft in the air and a station wagon on the ground when they saw apparently the same object come up beside their balloon. The object appeared to hover, then took off at an extremely high rate of speed. The people on the ground were using a theodolite and computed the object's speed at four thousand miles an hour. Deke never heard anything more from the intelligence people about the sighting.

Slayton was later contacted once by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force's consultant on UFOs, about his sighting. He admits in the book that, "I don't know what it was: it was unidentified." He admitted that he wondered if his report made it into the Air Force's Project Blue Book files, but he apparently never checked. As far as astronaut sightings are concerned, Deke wrote, "There have been two or three space program reports that have gotten picked up by the UFO people, but those weren't legitimate."

We will probably never learn anything further about Deke Slayton's UFO experience or if he knew any more about the alleged astronaut sightings than this. Deke Slayton passed away in June of 1993 before his book was published.

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Far Out?

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It's coming up to Christmas again, a good time for re-examining the big questions, my excuse for digressing from the nuts and bolts of UFOlogy to the nuts and bolts of life. The recent discovery of the remains of simple life forms in Martian meteorites has added some respectability to the notion of life on other planets; this begs the question, what is life?

'Life as we know it' is more exact phraseology in the extra-terrestrial context, but even this statement assumes that we know what life is. Do we? No. Of course we have theories, unfortunately we forget that theories are explanations that best fit the available data, explanations that are agreed on by our human scientists, not proven beyond all doubt.

Life is not defined *per se*, rather it is considered to be present by its effects. Something is alive if it exhibits the symptoms of life, the principal ones being ingestion, growth, response to stimuli and reproduction. Life is seen as a *state* of the physical body, which exhibits life at its formation and ceases to exhibit life at some point in time later.

On this planet all live-body chemistry is based on carbon, organic chemistry, hence the term organism often used as a general term for life here. The dominant theory that explains the origin of life is Darwin's evolution which has been built on by his contemporaries and is accepted to such an extent that the two words 'theory' and 'evolution' are almost never used together. Evolution postulates that at some billions of years ago more complex organic molecules were formed from simpler ones when the conditions on the planet of moisture, temperature and acidity became appropriate. Complexity increased to such an extent that organic molecules formed systems, groups of cooperating molecules that grew by chemically absorbing less complex molecules. Those systems that *by chance* grew more efficient survived and developed protective coatings and the ability to divide into smaller versions of themselves. Life symptoms were emerging, life had started. After billions of years of this organic complexity increasing we end up with the diversity of organisms we have now, the key being the huge time interval involved that allowed tiny chance mutations to dominate over less efficient ones, driving the progress of evolution forward. Intelligence and consciousness are

considered to have developed with the complexity of the brain.

Evolution theory also dominates other scientific fields including astronomy and cosmology so much so that life on other planets is rarely considered objectively. Carbon based life on this planet requires a definite set of environmental conditions, the chances of other sister planets at a similar stage of planetary development are small (i.e. statistically small, this could still be a large number). There is however no reason that life chemistry cannot be based on some other element, say silicon or boron, and if that is the case who knows what environmental conditions such live bodies could survive in, the list of planets that could sustain life *as we don't know it* could be huge. The fact that such life forms do not exist on this planet does not mean that they can't exist at all.

The theory of evolution also demands very long periods for the development of life forms on a planet, in our case billions of years. The age of a planet has to be taken into account when evaluating the chances of life forms on it or the probable evolutionary stage of those life forms (i.e. the probability of intelligent life). If evolution is wrong we could be discounting a large portion of the universe in error, if life forms can be other than carbon based also, then it would be more accurate to say that the probability of there *not* being life on other planets is very small.

This discussion has been limited to the life form, the body that exhibits the attributes of life and even then, the basic ones. This approach is reductionist, trying to make sense of the photograph by looking at the negative. One basic attribute of human consciousness is that we act as if life does not end, we know that life is greater than the sum of its parts.

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Further reading:

The Death of Forever, Darryl Reaney
The Big Questions, Paul Davies
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Darwin on Trial, Phillip E. Johnson
River out of Eden, Richard Dawkins

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Book Review - - -

Alien Identities - Ancient Insights into Modern UFO Phenomena,
by Richard L. Thompson. (Govardhan Hill Publishing)

The book is a comparative study of UFO literature and the Vedic literature of India, using UFO happenings from different cultures, present day and ancient events.

Thompson introduces his subject with a discussion on the relationship between modern science and the ancient Vedic view of life. While the modern scientific model characterized by careful experiment and reasoning might be seen to ignore the higher purpose and meaning of human life, the Vedic philosophy attributes a higher meaning to life, linking it with a transcendental level of reality.

The first section of Thompson's book is devoted to a survey of UFO literature, of reported UFO phenomena and encounters, which is meticulous and fully referenced. Here the author keeps a good balance between the psychic and physical aspects of the reports.

Following this detailed overview, in the next section he introduces the Vedic literature and presents comparisons between phenomena of the Vedic accounts and UFO reports. The sources from which the author draws are the Bhagavata Purana and the Mahabharata and Ramayana. Here we have intriguing descriptions of brilliantly glowing vimanas and human-like races who fly freely throughout the universe in these chariots of the sky.

Passages from the Indian literature provide the reader with plenty to think about. The Bhagavata Purana states that the ether is the field of action of the subtle mind. Thompson explains the basic idea of subtle matter and subtle laws which include and supersede gross laws. While gross matter obeys the familiar physical laws, the subtle laws can be applied to cause gross matter to act in a way that violates the ordinary laws of physics.

After looking at parallels between UFO phenomena and Vedic ideas, Thompson goes on to study the interrelationships connecting UFO reports, Vedic tradition and old traditions of folk and fairy stories, including some examples from Jacques Vallee.

Finally, for those who just cannot fathom today's contradictory UFO scene of information, disinformation, occasional nonsense and things that don't seem to fit together, Thompson presents an idea that there is a cosmic Law of Confusion regulating dissemination of information to humans. He asks whether this Law of Confusion is perhaps being applied to the UFO phenomenon so as to preserve freedom for humans either to accept or disregard it.

Wendy Wolfe

SAMARIA UFO REPORT - Part II

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Samaria UFO Report that appeared in the
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SIGHTING ON 13TH OF DECEMBER, 1995.

As a result of our inquiries in relation to the sighting by L C on the 25th of May, 1996, our discussions led to another sighting involving the C family, L, C and their son A. On this occasion I obtained sighting reports from C and left the other sighting reports with L to be completed by A and himself at the earliest opportunity. We discussed this sighting along with other reports in the area previously investigated by Mr Paul NORMAN.

When discussing the encounter, we had no date on which it may have occurred. It was stated that it was on the date of a helicopter accident in the area. I have since made inquiries and ascertained that the accident occurred on Wednesday the 13th of December, 1995.

LOCATION:

On this sighting the location is as stated in the previous sighting. The area is identical. The object on this occasion was observed to travel from the South to the North and directly over the farm house and the witnesses. It appears from the witnesses that this object came from a valley or similar in the Strathbogie Ranges. These ranges are situated south of the C farm house. They are heavily wooded ranges.

INITIAL REPORT:

It was not until we attended at the C residence and commenced our investigations into the original reported sighting that the previous sighting was brought to our attention. I conversed with L and C and it was decided to complete the initial report on the 25/5/96 prior to discussing the earlier sighting. Whilst I was interviewing L I did suggest that C complete a sighting report about the previous sighting.

At the completion of the reported sighting on the 25th of May, 1996, we then discussed the earlier sighting. They could not recall the date but believed that it was in the early part of the year. I noticed that C had drawn in the report an oval object with five (5) circles similar to spot lights under the object. Just out of curiosity I requested L to draw this object without seeing the drawing by his wife. L drew a nearly identical diagram. The C's could recall that they observed this object on the same evening as a reported missing helicopter that may have been in the area. As a result of this I ascertained that the sighting was on the 13th of December, 1995.

I then discussed the sighting with C who states.....

It was about 8.30pm, I don't know the date, but it was the same day as a helicopter crash. I was watching the search helicopter checking the area. I was watching a helicopter flying in the opposite direction. It had a spotlight operating and it was very bright and lit the area

up. I watched the helicopter move away from us and it was some distance and nearly out of sight. It was then that I saw a light coming towards us from the Strathbogie Hills in the south. I called my husband L and our son A to come and have a look at this object.

We then went outside to watch it and at this point I believed it to be a helicopter involved in the search. We watched the light approach us and it was about the size of a ten cent coin. When I first saw the object it was about 5 kilometers from our house. I described it as white and round with no sound or odor and moving very slowly. I estimate the actual size of the object at about the size of a small house. The object passed above our house. We first watched the object from the south side of the house and as it passed over us we moved to the north side of our house. I was unable to hear any sound. As this object passed over us, it was about a thousand feet above us. I was calm but fascinated. As I looked up at the object I observed no flashing lights and prior to this never saw any flashing or navigational lights. I also noticed very large lights on the underneath of the object, I would say similar to rocket boosters. I never noticed any fire or emissions coming from these lights. I would describe the colour as a flat blue light that you could easily look straight into. It was bright but didn't hurt your eyes. There were no beams coming from these lights. There was enough light from this object that I was able to see a dark oval shape above the lights. The object then continued on and we watched it for about ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes. The object slowly disappeared behind trees in a northerly direction being in the direction of Benalla. At the time of this sighting the weather was fine and the temperature moderate. It was dry with no wind. I would like to add that the lights were more like florescent lights, no beam just a glow.

At the completion of this discussion we observed the area from where the object appeared to where it disappeared. The area is clear of any trees or similar that would interrupt a clear view of the object.

On the 24th of June, 1996, my wife and I again returned to the C farm to discuss this sighting and collect the sighting reports. Upon examining the reports we found them to be nearly identical with only minor discrepancies. L described the object as follows....

It was at about 8.34pm on a date that I don't recall when my wife called me to the lounge window to watch the search helicopter disappear from view. We had been watching the helicopters search for the missing helicopter during the evening. I believe that it was a cold evening but fine and dry with a mild breeze. When C called us to the window it was to observe another aircraft approaching our house. I believe that this aircraft was about five (5) kilometres from our position when it was first seen. I would estimate that the search helicopter was about 20 kilometres away when this object first appeared. As it approached us we went outside to view it. It was travelling from South to North and was going to cross directly above us. I estimated the speed of this object at between thirty (30) to forty (40) kilometres per hour. As the object passed overhead I would describe it as a large sausage shape, dark in colour with light blue discs. I heard no sound. We moved from the south side of the house to the north side of the house to continue to view the object. I wish to add that we had watched the helicopter with a large search light that had passed approximately five (5) minutes before and it was disappearing from sight in the south east. The lights of this object had no beam. There were, I think five lights under the object. They were about five(5) to six(6) foot across and

light blue in colour. I believe that it was 600 to 1000 feet above us. What puzzled us was that when it went over head, it made no sound, even though my son stated that it made a very soft whoosh sound. The lights had no beam compared with the search lights used on the helicopters and it travelled very slowly. It is my experience due to my knowledge of aircraft and having flown in most of them, that they would have stalled at that speed. The lights from the craft were able to give us a view of the shape of the craft as a thick sausage about eighteen (18) feet across and about sixty (60) to eighty (80) feet long. I also noticed that the bottom of the craft had a contrasting line, orange or yellow in colour that showed the outline of the U.F.O. The object then moved in a northerly direction towards Benalla finally disappearing behind trees.

To my knowledge there was no electrical interference and I am unable to recall if the animals were making a noise on this occasion. I believe that they were not and I put this down to the helicopters travelling around the area.

I then conversed with L and C's son, A, who was present when we discussed the sighting. He had completed the sighting form. A stated that what his father and mother had told us was true and correct but informed us that his report differed in some ways. A stated.....

I believe that the sighting was around 9pm. I would say that the object was horse shoe in shape at the front with the lights being white to bluish white. I heard a very low rushing air sound. I do not recall any odour. It was a large object and I estimate the size as twice the width of a black hawk helicopter but the same length. I watched it for about fifteen(15) to twenty(20) minutes. I had seen a search helicopter in the area and it was nothing like that. I would add that it stayed in the sky and I

never saw it touch land and that it moved very slowly and travelled from south to north and passed nearly directly over head at about 400 metres. I believed that the object had seven lights. I am of the opinion that I was able to see these lights as the object approached us. I do not believe that it was an aircraft that I have ever seen or that I am aware of.

After discussing the sighting, I was astounded that after this period of time, that the sighting reports were near identical. I asked the C's if they had discussed the incident in detail. They informed me that this was not so. Of course they had discussed the incident but to my knowledge and belief it was not in any detail.

INVESTIGATIONS:

Due to the time limit and that the C's never reported this incident, my first problem was the date. With the information received about the helicopter crash, I started with the Benalla Police who were unable to assist at that time. As the helicopter was some what involved with the C.F.A. (Country Fire Authority.) I contacted the Wangaratta Branch and was informed that the date of the accident was the 13th of December, 1995. From there I went to the Communications Section (D24) Wangaratta Police and located the task report involving the accident. After perusing the file I ascertained to the best of my knowledge that the Police had two (2) air wing units along with a fixed wing aircraft searching the area. The fixed wing aircraft apparently was used only for a short period of time and that being at the commencement of the search. It was later during the search that the two (2) Police air wing units Air 491 and 493, being helicopters, were the only aircraft used. This was in conjunction with ground crews. These aircraft were used during the day and night on the date of the 13th. To the best of my knowledge and with local checks, there were no other aircraft

in the area and especially none that fit the description of the craft observed by the C's. On the evening of the sighting, L contacted the Benalla Police and ascertained if they had any aircraft in the area that fitted the description of the object he had observed. They were told that there were no aircraft with that description in the area and that they had never heard of anything like that. This has been substantiated by me.

During the search there had been no reports by the air crew or ground crews searching for this missing helicopter that anything out of the ordinary had occurred. This would not be surprising as the search had moved from the Samaria area and the logs show that the ground crews were not in the vicinity of the sighting. From the information received the helicopter observed by the witnesses had left the area prior to the object appearing.

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Report for The Australian U.F.O. Bulletin.

Late September and early October of 1996 there were some reports to the Warrnambool Police and The Standard newspaper. These reports were of orange lights in the sky. (Sound familiar so far.) My contact at The Standard gave me some people to talk to.

The witnesses to these orange lights were very genuine in their beliefs. One in particular believing very much of something extraordinary. One was very scientific in his report and put the sightings down to hoaxers.

It was the latter who proved closest to the mark. For on the front page of The Standard on 12th, October 1996 was a photo of a large garbage bag attached to a wire frame containing firelighters. Also it was reported a group had rang in to confirm the hoax.

I entrust they desist as this practice not only discredits U.F.O. research but is an outright risk to people and property.

J.M.Kennedy R.M.R.N. ©

Western District Representative  
Investigations Officer.

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We have contacted local newspapers in the area who have been unable to assist with any reports of objects in the area.

No further information from the local airports is available and to date no reports from other sources have been forthcoming.

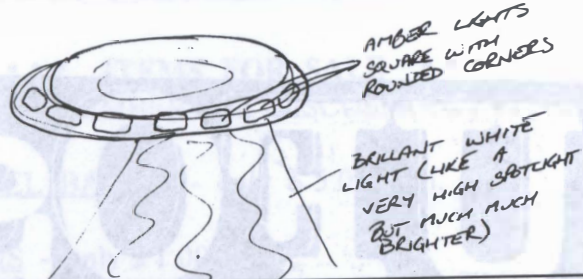
As a result of Police and C.F.A. (COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY) checks the information received is that no other aircraft were in the area during the search, especially fitting the description given by the C's. We have no evidence to refute their claim in relation to this sighting and it is therefore proposed to class this object as unidentifiable.

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Australian Sighting Reports

Examples of reports received during the past four months.

Werribee, Vic. 6 th September 22:15 hrs.	Very large Orange light travelling slowly from North to S.W. underneath the large object was a row of lights as from windows and underneath that were rows of smaller lights as in panels sloping downwards. There were about 12 panels. Object disappeared behind trees.
Endeavour Hills Vic. Aug. or Sept. three years ago	Round object making a low humming sounds had large amber lights with square windows rounded at corners. estimated size of object was 50 meters across. About 50-100 meters away. Passed over house from South-east. It was a very dark night, no moon. clear and cold. 
Chatsworth Vic. 22 nd May, 1996 2030 hrs.	While driving on Penhurst to Dunkeld Road, a private pilot reported a circular object with color slightly darker than automobile turning light. It only flashed three times giving impression of airplane approaching for emergency landing.
Bairnsdale. Vic. 22nd Sept. 1996 2157 hrs.	A very bright light burst into view and traveled rapidly in a slight horizontal path from east to west across the sky. As it reached the west it suddenly turned green and went out.
Bairnsdale, Vic. 4th Sept. 1996 1745 hrs.	Witness was looking at the stars when one of them began to move south at satellite speed. Then another "star" moved toward the north. After traveling fifteen degrees, they went out.
Chadstone Vic. 17th Sept. 1996 1215 hrs.	A round object with appearance of aluminium estimated to be 30 feet in diameter with reference to high tension electrical towers, travelling from west then curved to the south.
Rockbank, Vic. 30 th June, 1996 1640 hrs.	A cigar shaped object was first observed to be stationary standing on end. Colour was bright metallic. suddenly shot away at unbelievable speed. Estimated to be about size of a 737. Sped west to south west direction.

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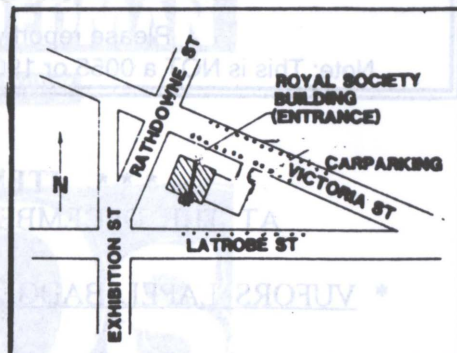
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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

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